

an organization that has become an invaluable resource in the fight for women's rights across the country. The NWLC is responsible for marking critical advances to improve the lives of women for more than 40 years, ensuring that the health and civil rights of women are kept at the forefront of public policy debate and lawmaking. Simply put, the strides we have made would not have been possible without the tireless advocacy of the National Women's Law Center.

In virtually every single battle for women's rights that we have fought over the last four decades, Marcia has led the fight to break down the economic, health, and social barriers facing women and girls. The impact of their work resonates across the country—it is felt in every state where the National Women's Law Center has advanced opportunities and improved the lives of women and girls. The New York Times said Marcia "guided the battles of the women's rights movement" and they were right. She was the first full-time women's rights legal advocate in Washington and her legacy includes the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and critical protection against sexual harassment on the job.

Marcia's leadership and contributions are reflected in the myriad of honors, accolades and commendations she has received and the numerous boards on which she has served throughout her career. She received a Presidential appointment to the National Skill Standards Board, and currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Marcia was named by Working Woman Magazine as one of the 25 heroines whose activities over 25 years have helped women in the workplace, by Washingtonian Magazine as one of Washington, D.C.'s most powerful women, and by Legal Times as a "Top Lawyer" and one of its "30 Champions." Marcia has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, was the recipient of the American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice's 2016 Civil Rights Hero Award, the Trustees' Council of Penn Women "Beacon" Leadership Award, the American Bar Association Margaret Brent Award, and the National Association of Women Lawyers' Arabella Babb Mansfield Award just to name a few.

I consider myself fortunate to have had so many opportunities to work with and learn from Marcia and I am honored to call her my friend. Her unwavering commitment and personal passion will always serve as an inspiration, not only to myself but for countless others. While her stepping down as co-president is bittersweet, I have no doubt that Marcia will continue to find ways to make a difference.

Trailblazer, advocate, mentor, and friend—for all of her good work and invaluable contributions, I am pleased to rise today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Marcia D. Greenberger. I thank her for all she has done for women in this country. I wish her all the best for health, happiness, and success in everything that comes next.

HONORING KARRIN TAYLOR ROBSON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 26, 2017*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Ms. Karrin Taylor Robson, of Arizona. Karrin is an invaluable member of the state community, and has contributed to its economic development in unfathomable ways. I want to first commend her on her service to the state, and her accomplishments with Arizona Strategies. Most importantly, however, I want to congratulate her on her new position on the Arizona State Board of Regents. I am confident she will excel in this position, undoubtedly championing our students.

Karrin currently serves diligently as the Founder and President of Arizona Strategies, an Arizona based land use and real estate development company. Here she has grown the business with integrity and professionalism. These qualities will serve her, the Board of Regents, and our students well. As a prominent business contributor to our state Karrin has served on numerous government and community organizations, leaving each one better than she found it. Governor Ducey could not have filled this seat with a better candidate.

Karrin's extraordinary career serves as an example for the students she has now been appointed to serve. I look forward to watching her drive Arizona's university system to new heights. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to recognize her today.

### HONORING THE FREEDOM HAPPENS NOW 5K

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 26, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Polaris for hosting the Freedom Happens Now 5K on Saturday June 24, 2017. This important event accentuate the plight of the voiceless victims of human trafficking in an effort to both raise awareness on their behalf and eventually eliminate this modern day slavery.

Polaris was founded in 2002 by two seniors at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, Derek Ellerman and Katherine Chon, who were inspired to take action after learning about the horrifying account of six Korean women who were coerced into working at a brothel just a few blocks away from Brown University. This enlightened Ellerman and Chon as to how Ubiquitous human trafficking really is and compelled them to take immediate action. They established Polaris, whose name derives from the North Star, which guided slaves toward freedom along the Underground Railroad. Since its inception, Polaris has remained firmly devoted to ending all forms of human trafficking and has always put an emphasis on directly supporting trafficking victims. Polaris has helped numerous victims escape from exploitation and worked to pre-

vent more people from becoming ensnared by human trafficking. Over the past decade, Polaris has expanded their operations and today has evolved into one of the most preeminent global leaders in the fight against human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Polaris for their vigorous dedication and unwavering commitment to bring awareness to the suffering and horrors that confront the countless victims of human trafficking. I truly appreciate all their work and thank them for promoting awareness about this important issue through hosting numerous events, including Saturday's 5K, which not only united our community, but helped us all gain a greater understanding of the realities of human trafficking. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who participated in Saturday's 5K in a collaborative and laudable effort to combat the scourge of human trafficking and provide assistance to its all too often unnoticed victims. I wish Polaris all the best as they continue their valiant crusade to eradicate human trafficking in the United States and worldwide.

### SIXTEENTH DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 26, 2017*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Six years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I have presented the CLEA to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Officer Jason Nuttall of the Bradenton Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Captain John Walsh, Captain Debra Kaspar, Lieutenant Jon Varley, Community Affairs Director Kaitlyn Perez, Deputy Phillip Mockler, Detective Tim Speth and Investigator Lynn Thomson of the Sarasota County Sheriff's will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Richard Wilson of the Palmetto Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Officer Alan Bores of the Holmes Beach Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Justin Warren of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.